

The county authorities of Williamson county have united with many of the leading citizens in a petition to the legislature to appropriate \$10,000 for the prosecution of the outlaws in that section. The petitioners set forth that there are in their midst bands of despoiled characters, who have inaugurated a perfect reign of terror, and that the local authorities are utterly unable to cope with or put them down. It is a shame that the power of the State is not put forth to preserve public order, but of course a Democratic legislature cannot be depended upon to aid in putting down the Kuklux anywhere.

TWELVE ex-members of Congress are applicants for positions in the Treasury Department. They are probably in the position of a steady patriot whose memory is preserved in a legend in Washington. He came to the capital during Jackson's time, conscious of his ability to serve the country acceptably in some distinguished position, and applied at once for a first class foreign mission. Failing in this, he dropped to a second. There being none of this class vacant, he offered to accept a fat consulship. His services not being required abroad, he agreed to compromise on a Cabinet position, then a bureau office, then a clerkship, and so on through the whole descending scale. Finally, convinced that the Republic was hopelessly ungrateful, he left Washington perfectly happy with the gift of a pair of the President's old pantaloons.

THE Black Hills gold fever seems to be something akin to the old-fashioned chills and fever, cold one hour and hot the next. A dispatch from Omaha City informs us that General Ord has determined to send out a force to bring in the remainder of the Sioux City prospecting party from the Black Hills, who are reported in a suffering condition, and that orders have been issued to prevent any one else from going to that country. It is stated positively that any one who tries to dig gold there will be driven out by the military. A telegram of the same date from Sioux City says that the leading citizens and business men of that place have organized a transportation company, with a capital of \$100,000 for the purpose of carrying men and merchandise to the Black Hills. If the fever shall get the best of the chill when spring opens, the troops will have a happy time driving out the gold hunters. That "can't be did" if a good old-fashioned "rush" is inaugurated. However, we think the whole affair is a huge fraud.

AS MIGHT have been expected, the action of Alexander H. Stephens in voting with the Republicans, in favor of the adoption of the compromise in Louisiana, has brought down upon his head the venom of the fire eaters of the South in a perfect avalanche. The New Orleans *Bulletin*, the special organ of the White League, denounces him as a Benedict Arnold of the South, and other southern papers are equally intemperate in their language toward the old man. It will be remembered that previous to the war, and, in fact, up to its commencement, Mr. Stephens was at variance with the rebels, although he afterwards became the Vice President of the Southern Confederacy. Mr. Stephens was originally a Whig, and it is not surprising that he should occasionally break over the moles and bounds prescribed by modern Democracy, and vote and act as his conscience dictates as right. It was a bold act for Mr. Stephens to assume the responsibility of casting the vote that turned the scale and gave the victory in favor of the adoption of a compromise which was so objectionable to the rebel element of his section. Fortunately, the rage and abuse of such papers as the *Bulletin* cannot injure the old man; in fact, it can serve no purpose, only to show the impotent rage of the baffled conspirators, who hoped to be able to again plunge Louisiana into anarchy and treason.

A BLACKMAILER in St. Louis has come to grief. He undertook to play a game on one of the judges of that city, claiming that he had facts in his possession which, if made public, would ruin the judge's son, and wanted five hundred dollars as the price of his silence. The judge apprised him at a meeting, when he would announce his decision, and invited a police officer to make one of the company. The black mailer, whose name was Wilson, came to him, and the policeman did the same thing; but Mr. Wilson, instead of getting his five hundred dollars, got himself into jail. If all blackmailers were treated in the same way, the business soon would come to an end.

[Communicated.]
A MATTER OF DUTY.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—There are indications all over our land and country, especially in the South, which are calculated, when properly studied, to alarm the fears of every one who loves his country and properly appreciates the liberties which this government guarantees to him for its safety. I am at all times willing to throw the broad mantle of charity over the faults and errors of those who are penitent and truly sorry for the wrong which they may have committed against the government, by giving their sympathy and support to those who are in rebellion against it, but when the rebellion is crushed out, and the situation has been accepted by the conqueror, and the government in its leniency has allowed even the leader of the rebellion to live, and has restored to all the glorious privileges of a citizen of the United States, to see these very men by their speeches, rousing the worst passions of human nature, and arraying themselves and their adherents against the very government which protects them and to which they are indebted for their lives, which had been forfeited by their attempt to destroy its existence, shows to my mind that the spirit of rebellion is not dead, but these men who feigned to be satisfied with the situation for awhile, until they could lull the suspicions of the loyal and, thereby gain their confidence so as to be trusted with some post of honor and power, then the clever foot would be revealed. But this is not all of it; I wish it were. As the rebels are elevated to power by being elected to Congress and other places of high trust, and when they are fairly seated, and they break forth and give utterance to their rebellious feelings which had been pent up for years, you find they have a hearty echo from the heart of every prominent Democrat all over the land.

In view of these alarming facts it is not true Mosser. Editors that all divisions and strife should cease between those who nobly and unselfishly fought together to put down the great rebellion? In 1872 I was a Greeley man, and have no reason to regret that I was, but I think the time has come when every lover of his country, every one who desires to enjoy the privileges which this great republic guarantees to him and to have them perpetuated, when all dissensions shall cease, all differences be laid aside, and every lover of liberty should come to the front and say, as we did in the darkest days of the rebellion, these rebels shall be trampled under our feet.—Come Greeley men, come grangers, come farmers, who for many years fought with the Republican party until rebellion was crushed and the banner of liberty waved over every State in the Union, and universal freedom was proclaimed from every housetop all over our land—come, let us for a while at least forget our little differences, and let us again join hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder and crush out this spirit of rebellion which is getting so ripe in our midst. A "LIBERAL."

BLAINE AND OGLESBY.

From the Taylorville Republican. Hon. James G. Blaine is prominently mentioned as the next Republican candidate for President, with Senator Oglesby of this State for Vice President. This would make a popular ticket with all classes, and would be hard to beat. Blaine is a strong man in the east, and Oglesby is immensely popular in the west. The reputation of both for honesty and integrity is unquestioned. They not only have the confidence of their party, but of the whole country. This is saying a great deal for them; but it is saying no more is the exact truth. Oglesby is, without doubt, the most popular man in the west. The Republicans of Illinois would stand by him as a unit in any political advancement to which he might aspire. He is a man whom the people delight to honor.

Considerable excitement exists, and some serious talk of lynching him, though it is hoped that better counsel will prevail. He was placed under fifteen hundred dollars bail, in default of which, he was committed to jail, filed for transmission at six o'clock and fifteen minutes.

TELEGRAPHIC.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.
[Reported Expressly for the Daily Republican.]

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The Whiskey Bill in Both Houses.

AND IT GETS LEFT IN EACH INSTANCE.

The New Hampshire Election.

A REVEREND INEBRIATE.

Terrible Outrage at Danville.

[Special Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, ILL., March 11.

A horrible and disgusting case of cruelty to a child has just been unearthed in our city in which John Trent and his little step daughter, aged five years, are the actors. The testimony elicited at a preliminary examination yesterday, Trent having been arrested the day previous by the deputy sheriff on a complaint by one of the neighboring women, went to show the most brutal treatment of the child by the step-father. Upon the examination of the child's body by the authorities, its head was found to be almost bald, its hair having been plucked out by the roots by Trent, in his rage, its little body was covered with black and blue spots, caused by blows from the hands of this monster.

ERIE, PA., March 11.—The Rev. J. A. Davidson, recently State lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Good Templars, Pennsylvania, was arrested last evening for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and spent the night at the police station. He was released this morning on the payment of a fine. He has probably assisted in organizing more lodges of the order than any other man in the state. This was his second arrest in this city on the same charge.

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MORRISSEY'S GAMBLING HELL IN JACKSONVILLE.

Florida Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.

On the other side of the square is the Hon. John Morrissey's "Club House." This is an experiment which is being made under the patronage, I am told, of Mr. Morrissey, by a Mr. Shaw, of Savannah. If successful, he will next season erect a large and very handsome house. Tempted by curiosity I sauntered over to the club house the other evening. An elderly and clerical-looking gentleman, with a smooth face and a smile that was "childlike and bland," admitted me. The top of his head was free from all capillary nonsense, but a little forest of hair encircled his cranium. He was clad in the conventional black. His shirt bosom was immaculate and without studs. Around his neck was a high, old-fashioned black stock, surmounted by an old style standing collar, so stiff that if he had ducked his head he would have lost his ears. He was, altogether, one of the most respectable-looking individuals that I had been my fortune to meet while in the State. After closely eyeing me, he ventured to inquire "if I was residing in Jacksonville." I replied that I was. "I mean," said he "are you a citizen?" I duly informed him that I did not enjoy the franchise of a Floridian "cracker." Whereupon he informed me of his reasons for asking the question, which, to say the least, were of a most magnanimous and disinterested character. "You see," said this worthy banker, "we don't allow any citizen to come in here. We have come here for their good, to benefit them, and we want to leave money behind us, not take it away with us, so we have closed our doors to the natives. Excellent! Very good! I could not help expressing my admiration of this generous disinterestedness. The moral is too plain for me to point it. There was no game going on at the time I was there, and he informed me that the house was not paying.

THE RUSH TO KANSAS AND COLORADO.

The indications are that the rush to Kansas and Colorado will be greater than over in 1874. The shortest way to reach the Far West is through St. Louis, the great Mississippi Valley City, of over 450,000 inhabitants, and thence west over the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Short Line, which reaches all the great land grants in the West, and runs six fast express trains, two more than any other road between the Mississippi and the Missouri rivers. This road, in the last two years, has expended over two million dollars, besides earnings, in extraordinary improvement of roadway, in relaying its line with best quality of new steel and iron rails, on broad, new ties and in passenger equipment, having substituted for ordinary cars new reclining chair coaches, with every apparatus for comfort and safety, being originally designed and built with dressing rooms, with toilet conveniences for ladies, gentlemen and families traveling with children. *Free of any extra charge.* Any ticket agent selling through tickets to the West will furnish tickets by this excellent route through St. Louis, over the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Short Line, the best and shortest to Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, California and the Great West, it being the only line running through cars between St. Louis and Omaha. For map, circulars and time tables address either F. A. Palmer, Indianapolis, Ind., or P. B. Great, St. Louis, Mo., either of whom will furnish any information desired. [Jan. 25.]

The Williamson county appropriation bill was discussed early to day, and the bill advanced one stage towards the latter end, which, indeed, seems yet afar off. The speech of Mr. Jones, of Massee in favor of the bill made many friends for it to day, and it is thought now that it will pass when reached to the meaning, they go on killing and bbbing people in Williamson county all the same.

Pike, the Jeweler, keeps the best Spectacles in the city, and sells them at a reasonable price. [Sept. 1-12.]

\$15,000 annually be raised by taxation in support of the militia, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The House this afternoon outdid itself in the "show" business. The "whisky bill" came up in regular order. The House was full, only half a dozen members being absent. A motion was made to postpone the bill until Wednesday of next week. The motion to postpone developed a strength for the defeat of the bill, which was as surprising to the friends of the bill. The motion to postpone was carried by a vote of 74 to 62. During the roll-call it was discovered that Wednesday next is St. Patrick's day, and the followers of Ireland's patron saint asked for "generosity" and a change of date. But a speech from Mr. Merritt on the other side was construed as being in bad faith by the friends of the bill, and the motion to reconsider was laid on the table. After this, for half an hour, pandemonium reigned supreme and triumphant in the hall. Mr. Hise, of Cook, was in the chair. Mr. Haines was on the floor, and, of course, doing most of the talking. Finally a motion to adjourn was carried.

Powers, Ferris & Co. have received a splendid lot of Burt's Men's Shoes and Over-gaiters. They are also making men's fine hand-sewed shoes to measure 10-12.

Mules for Sale.—Any persons wishing to buy nice three and four years old mules, will consult their interest by calling at the residence of T. W. Berry, Esq., about eight miles northeast of town. [Jan. 30.]

Are offering some

SALT LAKE, March 11.—Brigham Young, for contempt of court in neglecting to pay the sum adjudicated to Ann Eliza, was to-day ordered to be imprisoned one day and to pay a fine of \$25.

Another lot—450 pieces Embroideries—CAME IN TO-DAY. Most of the patterns are very beautiful, and all are **VERY CHEAP.**

We bought largely, in January, of Bleached and Brown Sheetings and Shirtings, Tickings, Denims, Ducks, Checks, Cheviots, &c. The goods are in, and we will

GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF JANUARY PRICES ON THEM

4 Cases Dark, Medium and Light Prints just opened up.

Another lot—450 pieces Embroideries—CAME IN TO-DAY.

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CHEAP.

We have another Case of the same BLACK ALPACAS and MOHAIRS—the BEST GOODS THAT WERE EVER IN THE CITY FOR THE PRICE. Do not fail to see them.

Furs, Flannels, and all goods about to be Unseasonable, we have made prices on that cannot help but please.

We will take pleasure in showing you.

HAYS & BRUCE.

Feb. 19, 1875-dawt.

NEW FIRM

VAL. SHORE. GEO. MONTGOMERY.

SHORB & MONTGOMERY,

(Successors to W. M. COX,) Dealers in

Groceries & Provisions

(Opposite the Post Office.)

Have always on hand all kinds of Groceries,

and make a specialty of

COUNTRY PRODUCE,

Including Butter, Eggs, Vegetables, Fruits, Etc., Etc., Etc.

■■■■■ GIVE US A CALL.

SHORB & MONTGOMERY.

March 15, 1875-dft.

A. T. HILL

President Decatur Greenwood Cemetery.

President Decatur National Bank.

President Macon County Poultry Association.

Vice President Citizens' Association.

Swamp Land Commissioner for Macon County.

Notary Public.

OFFICE:—In Decatur National Bank.

March 12, 1875-dft.

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SATURDAY NEXT, on the Public Square.

Look out for good bargains.

■■■■■ Sale at half past 12 o'clock.

March 11-12.

J. H. CHAPPELL.

\$5000.00—WANTED

A partner to take a half interest in

a business that will net five thousand dollars in less than six months. I will secure

you to your satisfaction. The business is

A No. 1. Address all.

COLIN FERGUSON,

Président Hotel, Decatur, Ill.

Decatur, Feb. 1875.

N. F. BROWN,

Administrators.

■■■■■ SHORT POSTPONEMENT—DAY FIXED—

FULL DISTRIBUTION.

FIRST GRAND GIFT CONCERT.

■■■■■ MONTPELIER

Female Humane Association,

■■■■■ Alexandria, Va.

March 29th, 1875.

Administrators' Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the

undersigned Administrators of the

Estate of Dr. Jas. P. F. F. F.

will attend before the

County Court of said county, in the city of

Decatur, on the 25th, for the purpose of settling

DECATUR, ILLINOIS:
Friday Evening, March 12.

The DAILY REPUBLICAN will be delivered to subscribers in any part of the city, at Twenty Cents per Week.

Local Notices will be inserted at Ten Cents per line for the first insertion, and five cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Rates for them advertisements will be furnished upon application at the office.

TO DAILY SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscriptions to the DAILY REPUBLICAN will be collected every Saturday, at the place where the paper is delivered, unless otherwise ordered.

We would be much obliged if our subscribers would inform the carriers at what particular place they desire their papers to be left.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce HENRY HUMPHREY as a candidate for re-election to the office of Assistant Supervisor.

We are authorized to announce T. B. ALBERT as a candidate for Town Clerk.

We are authorized to announce EDWARD PEAKE as a candidate for the office of Town Clerk.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE GOODMAN as a candidate for re-election to the office of Town Clerk.

We are authorized to announce FRED. J. SMITH as a candidate for re-election to the office of Town Assessor.

We are authorized to announce JACOB WAGGONER as a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor at the coming April election.

We are authorized to announce JOSHUA GRIFFIN as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

I respectfully desire to announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Town Collector at the coming April election. H. H. BROWN.

We are authorized to announce ERIC G. REED as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Call for Kennedy's Champion Biscuit at Imboden & Co.'s.

"Popular Shams," by Miss Lillian Edgerton, at the opera house to-night.

A new root is to be put on Wessels' building, No. 6 Water street, which is soon to be occupied by Elliott & Addison with a clothing store.

Neidermyer has a choice article of sugar cured ham.

The St. Nicholas' bus and carriage make calls in any part of the city.

The debating society recently organized among the boys at the High School is in a flourishing condition.

The "Pew of the Platform," Miss Lillian Edgerton, will lecture at the opera house to-night.

It was voted that the address be spread upon the records of the Council.

H. E. Meriweather, Mayor-elect, then took the oath of office, which was administered by the retiring Mayor.

Register Hardly then administered the oath to Aldermen-elect Myers, of the first ward, Stephens, of the third, and Boyd and Durfee, of the second, who are the new members; and also to Alderman Peake, of the third, and Leake, of the fifth, who were re-elected.

Mayor Meriweather then proceeded to address the Council extemporaneously in a few brief and well-timed remarks, pledging himself to do all in his power to promote the welfare and prosperity of his city.

A vote of thanks was passed, unanimously embracing the Mayor, and Aldermen Abel, Stare and Muzzy, retiring Aldermen, for the fidelity with which they had performed their respective duties. While this resolution was pending, each of the retiring Aldermen addressed the Council in response to calls from members.

H. Post keeps the genuine Seth Thomas Clocks and sells them at \$4.

Boys' Prayer Meeting.—Editor REPUBLICAN:—The boys of the First M. E. Church hold a weekly prayer meeting, which is conducted entirely by themselves.

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On each Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock the boys of that Church will be glad to meet any of their young friends who may desire to be present, whether they belong to this denomination or not.

Let it be understood that this is a boys' meeting, and not a young men's meeting.

The Boys of the 1st M. E. CHURCH.

A New Firm.—We call attention to the new advertisement of Shorb & Montgomery, successors to Wm. Cox, in the grocery and provision business, in the store in rear of Pahmyer's cigar store.—Both of the young men composing this firm are well known to our people—one of them as having had an experience of several years in the grocery business.—They are enterprising and energetic young men, and we doubt not will make a success of their business.

Rubber Boots repaid at V. BARNER & CO.'s

It was voted that the police force of the city remain as it is for the present.

The bond of M. K. Hatch, City Treasurer elect, for \$30,000, was presented and approved.

The bond of John W. Haworth for \$4,000 to City Marshal, was presented and approved.

The bond of Amasa Barr for the sale of intoxicating liquors, was read and approved, Ald. Durfee voting no.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Inauguration of Mayor Meriweather—His Address—New Members Sworn In, &c.

Council convened at 7 o'clock, Mayor Priest in the chair. Present—Aldermen Waggoner, Stare, Muzzy, Elrman, Abel, Peake, Butman, Lenke and Mills.

The finance committee made the following report:

To His Honor the Mayor and Council of the city of Decatur:

Your committee on finance beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined and compared the books of the City Treasurer and found them correct, and find that he has paid out, from Feb. 15th, 1874, to Feb. 15th, 1875, (being the fiscal year), on item scrip the sum of \$70,895.56, and that he has received from all sources during the same length of time the sum of \$70,871.54.—Balance overdrawn February 15th, 1875, \$24.02 amount overdrawn for year ending February 15th, 1874, \$67.91; total amount overdrawn and due the Treasurer, \$18.83; and we canceled said scrip and destroyed the same by burning, and received the Treasurer's book therefor.

We also examined the books of the Supt. of the water works and found them correct, and that from them we find that he has received from water rents, from April 1st, 1874, to Feb. 15th, 1875, the sum of \$3,000.80, which he has paid into the treasury as per Treasurer's receipts for the same exhibited to us.

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WALKER & DURFEE

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It was moved that the committee on public improvements be instructed to lay water pipe from Eldorado street to the bagging factory, according to arrangements made at the last council meeting. Motion tabled. There being a tie vote on the question of laying upon the table, the Mayor gave the casting vote in the affirmative.

Major Priest then read an address to the Council, stating the motives which had actuated him during his term of service, and thanking the Council for its courtesy.

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street to Decatur, thence east on Decatur to Union street, were referred to the committee on public improvements with power to act.

Council adjourned.

Masonic.—There will be a special convocation of Macon Chapter No. 21, R. A. M., Saturday evening, March 18, at 7 o'clock. Work in M. E. M. degree. Visiting companions cordially invited.

By order of

2d A. A. MURRAY, M. E. H. P.

West Mission.—There will be a series of meetings at West Mission, commencing on Sunday evening next.

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